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SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP IN UNESCO REGIONAL GROUPS

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IN RESPONSE TO PARA 1(E) OF REFEL, FOLLOWING IS EXAC WORDING
OF ISRAEL'S FORMAL REQUEST TO BE INCLUDED IN UNESCO'S
EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP. REQUEST WAS CONTAINED IN LETTER
FROM ISRAELI AMBASSADOR M. AVIDA TO D-G MAHEU DATED AUGUST
14, 1973.

QUOTE: 1. THE SITUATION IN UNSESCO UP TO NOW HAS BEEN MARKED
BY A LACK OF FORMAL ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. DUE TO THE
ABSENCE OF A SPECIFIC MIDDLE EAST GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION AND
THE VIRTUAL IDENTIFICATION OF THE ASFAN REGION WITH THE AREA
COVERED BY E.C.A.F.E., ISRAEL'S PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL

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ACTIVITIES HAS UNFORTUNATELY BEEN SPORADIC AND IRREGULAR.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL FEELS THAT THE CLOSE TIES AND THE SIMILARITY OF CONDITIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN REGION AND ISRAEL IN THE AREAS OF MAJOR CONCERN TO UNESCO WOULD ENABLE ISRAEL TO MAKE A WORTHWHILE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGION, AS WELL AS TO DERIVE MUCH BENEFIT FROM THEM.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT UNDER THE PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, ISRAEL BELONGS TO ELECTORAL GROUP I WHICH INCLUDES, INTER ALIA, WESTERN EUROPE.

4. IN ORDER TO ENABLE ISRAEL TO DISCHARGE ITS DUTY TO UNESCO AND TO MAKE ITS RIGHTFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE FORMULATION AND EXECUTION OF UNESCO REGIONAL ACTIVITIES, MY GOVERNMENT, THEREFORE, REQUESTS THAT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, WHEN CALLED UPON TO DECIDE ON INVITATIONS TO REGIONAL MEETINGS OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARACTER, WILL CONSIDER ISRAEL AS FORMING PART OF THE EUROPEAN REGION. UNQUOTE.
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